

Biodiversity Policy Statement

Biodiversity has been defined as “the ecological variety and richness of species in the world or in a region”. Beacon Press wishes to play its part in helping to protect and preserve this variety and richness in the immediate area of its operations and so contribute to the future well-being of the local natural environment.

Beacon Press acknowledges -

- That it shares this footprint with a variety of flora and fauna for which it accepts a duty of care as a key component of the company’s environmental management system.
- That it must always seek to mitigate the impacts of its commercial activities on local habitats.
- That it must undertake affirmative action in order to preserve and enhance biodiversity on the site.

Acting locally

Beacon Press’s commercial activities within its buildings are subject to stringent environmental management procedures designed to reduce environmental impacts to a minimum. It reviewed the ways in which it manages the ‘greenfield’ part of its site in order to protect its biodiversity and enhance its wildlife potential. A professional ecological survey was commissioned to guide future action.

The company already has in place a number of initiatives designed to promote biodiversity –

- Gardens have been landscaped.
- Over 200 trees and shrubs, many of them native to the area, and hundreds of bulbs were planted.
- Only organic fertiliser is used on the gardens. Organic compost is made on site.
- Part of the gardens are left wild to encourage wildlife immigration.

- Nesting boxes for birds, bats, hedgehogs, butterflies and insects have been located in the grounds to encourage wildlife population growth. Boxes are made on site from recycled pallets.
- A log pile has been established to attract insect species.
- We voluntarily undertake the maintenance of the stretch of river adjoining our site.
- Grass is never cut on hot, windless days in order to reduce air pollution.

Beacon Press accepts that ‘no company is an island entire of itself’ and seeks to play a wider role in the protection of diversity.

The company over the years has supported the work of a number of specialist organisations campaigning for habitat protection within the UK and internationally, and are members of WWF Forest and Trade Network, partners with Forum for the Future and hold FSC and PEFC Chain of Custody certification enabling the company to offer products printed on paper guaranteed to have come from wood originating from well managed sustainable forests.



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